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SUBJ: ECHEVERRIA PROPOSES MIXED COMMISSIONS AND TOP LEVEL
COOPERATION IN PUBLIC PROGRAM TO COMBAT DRUGS

REF: MEXICO 0233

I HAVE READ WITH INTEREST YOUR CABLE TO AMBASSADOR VANCE
CONCERNING PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S SUGGESTION IN THE PRESENCE
OF CONGRESSMEN WOLFF AND GILMAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
MIXED MEXICAN-US COMMISSIONS TO ATTACK DRUG PROBLEM ON BROAD
FRONT. APART FROM THE EVIDENT MERITS OF SUCH A DEVELOPMENT
IN OUR RELATIONS WITH MEXICO, I FEEL CERTAIN THAT THE
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS TYPE COOPERATION WITH MEXICO WOULD BE
OF ASSISTANCE TO US IN OUR ANTI-DRUG PROGRAM WITH THE
PERUVIANS. UP UNTIL NOW OUR EXPANDING COOPERATIVE DRUG
EFFORT HERE HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT WITH LOW PUBLIC EXPOSURE
OF US ROLE FOR POLITICAL REASONS. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOW
REACHED A STAGE WHERE WE PLAN INCREASINGLY TO EXPOSE TO
PUBLIC VIEW THIS CLOSE COOPERATION. ANY PRESS REPLAY HERE
OF MEXICAN-US COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY POSITIVE STATEMENTS
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BY PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, WOULD BE OF ASSISTANCE TO US. IN

THE PAST TWO DAYS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO USE (1) THE VISIT
OF SENATOR JAVITS AND (2) THE RECENT APPREHENSION IN CALLAO
OF TWO "FROGMEN" REPORTED IN PRESS TO BE AMERICANS ENGAGED
IN ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC TO PUBLICIZE OUR CURRENT COOPERATION
WITH PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES.
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